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By Theodore Leavenworth, Bridgeport, Conn. Read Before the Connecticut State Optical Society, Meriden, January 14th, 1909.

A reputable optician of many years' experience, stated, in a recent advertisement, that seventy-five out of every hundred persons who wear glasses, are wearing wrong glasses.

Dr. George M. Gould's article, "Fifty Wrong Prescriptions by Opticians," printed a few months ago in the Medical Journal, apparently in some degree at least, confirms the statement.

Dr. Edward Jackson writes: "For each eye there are comparatively few combinations of lenses that would be of positive benefit, and but one that would be best. That one is to be discovered only by prolonged and careful application of exact methods of measurement."

There is no doubt that many wrong diagnoses have been made by medical and optician refractionists. An explanation of some of the errors may be found in the method of examination that most refractionists use, especially of the older school, use the subjective method exclusively. We all know how easily mistakes may be made with it.

Another more recent and far simpler case, I will close the comparisons. January 8th, 1909, a lady, age about thirty, brought in her eye glasses, with one lens broken. She wanted renewed. Stated that she had worn them several years but not easily, couldn't quite get along without them, they were never entirely comfortable.

She would like to have me examine her eyes. The errors were found to require: Right eye, +1. cyl. ax. 105; left eye, +1. cyl. ax. 75. The old lenses she had been struggling with so long were, -1.25 cyl. ax. 180 O. U.

Passing by the most prolific source of error, the wearing of wrong lenses, viz., the hundreds who in jewelry shops or department stores take the grave risk of fitting themselves many wrong glasses are often worn, and the intricate and delicate art of lens grinding, I believe, presents many opportunities for errors, but almost any other. Certainly in no profession is absolute accuracy more needed than in this of ours. And in no other are mistakes liable to produce more disastrous results.

While the majority of prescription lenses are probably correctly made, yet in that very fact lies a certain danger. We must never forget that on us as prescribers, and not on the manufacturer, rests the responsibility of lens grinding. I believe, presents many opportunities for errors, but almost any other. Certainly in no profession is absolute accuracy more needed than in this of ours. And in no other are mistakes liable to produce more disastrous results.

The minor defects often seen in lenses, such as, unevenly matching in shape or size or thickness, or even drilled; drilled too near the edge, leaving "air-holes"; surfaces flat, scratched, or otherwise blemished—these, while extremely annoying, and not by any means to be excused or accepted, are of but little importance compared with errors in surface grinding, wrongly located cylindrical axes, faulty decentering for prismatic effects, etc. Errors here are indeed vital. If in this connection, eternal vigilance is not the price of liberty, it may well be, and certainly ought to be, the price of a refractionist's reputation.

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Wm. D. Wadsworth

BUILDING NOTES.
Building permits with an aggregate value of \$20,375 were granted at the meeting of the building commission last evening. The permits follow: W. W. Burritt Co., frame addition to office building, Knowlton St.

Andrew Ensign, cellar walls on which to move a house, west side of Helen street.

M. R. MacFarland, amendment to permit granted for a three family house on the south side of South avenue, making it a two-family dwelling.

This building is the one upon which the commissioners ordered a suspension of the work last week.

W. R. Noyes, three-family frame dwelling north side of Spring street.

H. Blodgett, frame garage, south side of Park place.

Busy people who do not like to lose a day and those to whom time represents money all of them recommend Cyrus Plaster for Backache. Many of them have used this plaster and know from experience and many others have learned from their friends that Cyrus Plaster gives relief when others have failed. Twenty-five cents will save a day's pay. Cyrus Plaster, Fairfield Ave. and Courtland St.

RAMMED IN DENSE FOG

Steamship Republic in Collision With Unknown Vessel.

Passengers Not in Danger — Revenue Cutter and Two Other Steamships to The Rescue.

(Special from United Press.)

New York, Jan. 23.—The White Star line Republic which sailed yesterday was rammed by an unknown craft when 26 miles south of Nantucket. Her engine room is full of water but the captain declares there is no danger of her sinking. The steamer Baltic of the same line which was communicated with by Republic's wireless, and the revenue cutter Acushnet are hurrying to the scene. Nothing is known of the fate of the boat which rammed the ship. The Republic was on her regular mid-winter Mediterranean cruise, her first stop being the Azores. She has 250 first class and 21 steerage passengers on board.

The White Star Line officers have received a wireless message from Captain Sealy of the Republic which states that the revenue cutter has arrived and is standing by and that there is no danger of loss of life.

The accident occurred during a dense fog. A wireless has been received from Captain Tait of the French liner Lorraine in-bound from Havre, that she has been in communication with the Republic and was out of the scene of the accident where she will stand by.

No news has as yet been heard as to the ship which rammed the White Star liner. She is believed to be a much smaller craft and it is possible that she may have gone down with all hands.

THE THEATRES

SMITH'S.

This evening, the startling military drama, "The Days of '61," will bring the week's engagement of Clara Turner and her excellent company to a close, and without a question, the play is an old and doubting a familiar one. Miss Turner's company is especially well adapted to a splendid rendition of it. Miss Turner herself is a charming little woman, and in all her characters does herself and them full justice.

A treat is in store for the theatre-goers Monday evening, for there are a number of celebrities whose talent warrants them playing important parts who will be seen with "The Time, the Place and the Girl." Arthur Dunn, who plays the leading comedy role of "Happy" Johnny Hicks, is a comedian in a class by himself. As a star in musical comedies, Dunn is a hard man to beat. He has a unique way of his own, as most comedians do. The twenty young women who constitute this section of "The Time, the Place and the Girl" possess exceptional qualifications.

In Germany, Clyde Fitch discovered the foundation of a very farce, "The Blue Mouse," which comes here for a special return visit next Tuesday and Wednesday, with a matinee Wednesday, and with a superb cast. New York likes the play as a comedy, and it will remain in that city the rest of the season, which prompted the Messrs. Shubert to send on this duplicate company to play at other large cities, including the big run which is projected for Chicago. Paulette Devine, a new character to the stage, is not wholly without merit. The play is ended with a splendid spectacle of a colossal audience. Miss Ryan is said to give to the part a gracious candor and innocence which robs what might otherwise be a sickening scene of its horror. Like miles, she is a French and German farces as naughty.

"Jane Eyre," Rowland and Clifford's most recent production, will be the attraction of the last three days of next week, with daily matinees.

POLI'S
Frank Lalor, prince of comedians, will head a princely bill at Poli's next week. Lalor will appear in "Coming Thro' the Rye" and "Prince Humbug" come to Bridgeport where he is ever popular, for the first time in vaudeville. Like most of the other great comedians, Lalor has returned to vaudeville from the field of the legitimate. He has his own musical comedy now and presents it with his own company. "Back to Back" the play he is now presenting is the musical features that Lalor did in his legitimate enterprises. Lalor should be one of the greatest hits that a Bridgeport audience has enthused over in many a year.

Laura Burt Co., presenting the fascinating comedy playlet, "The Order of the Bath," one of the biggest sensations of the vaudeville week at Poli's. Some of the other great offerings will be, the Floods, Bert and Bertha Grant, Frank Whitman, Lillian Shaw, Van Camp, and the electro-graph.

REV. DR. PARKHURST SPEAKS AT BANQUET OF PASTORS MONDAY

Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D., L.L.D., of New York city, the noted reformer and divine, will be the principal speaker at the banquet of the pastors of the city, Monday night. The banquet is the annual banquet of the Bridgeport Pastors' Association. As the number of available tickets is limited they were put in the hands of the pastors and the Y. M. C. A. and if the applications continue at the present rate, some applicants will have to go without tickets. Rev. Geo. D. Egbert of Norwalk will also speak.

There will be an informal social hour in the ball room from 7 to 8 o'clock, when those present will have an opportunity to meet the guests of honor, the officers and the members of other churches.

Park City Theatre.
We are still pleasing the people in the East End with a good show every night. If you haven't called at this theatre for some time, it is well to call now. The fine bill which includes the following: Your Wife Is Unfaithful to Us; Bicycle Polo; Obsolete Tooth; Anthology and Cleopatra; Still Race; Jones at the Ball; and the Hidden Treasure. Can you beat that for 5 cents?

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SPORTS OF A DAY

SPORTS DID NOT GET THEIR COIN
WHO WANTS TO BUY BALL TEAM?

Paid to See Fistic Duel in Stratford That Sheriff Stag Prevented. Meriden Outfit Is On the Market—Interesting Rumors.

About two hundred sporting men of this city and New Haven gathered last night at the training quarters of Capt. John Bond in Stratford, which is the training place for some of the most prominent members of the pugilistic world, to witness a few bouts of more than unusual interest. The main bout, if we may call it such, was to be between Johnny Mahoney, the "Fridge of Stratford," and "Mutch" McNally of this city. All was in readiness for the bouts when Deputy Sheriff Charles E. Stag appeared on the scene and gave orders not to pull the bouts off. John Bond, the proprietor of the place, was in bed, and it was stated the affair was in charge of a Bridgeport outfit and Whipple. The manager was informed that if the bouts were not cancelled the place would be raided.

Sheriff Stag stated afterwards that complaint had been made to take place and that it should be stopped, no permission to hold the affair having been given by the Selectmen. As a result the sporting men left the resort in a disgusted manner and boarded trolley cars for their homes. It is said that about 150 paid \$1 a head and that the money was not returned.

HARRY LONG NOTED TWIRLER SUCCEUMS TO TUBERCULOSIS

Consumption has claimed another New London baseball pitcher. This time it being Harry Long, who died in Hanover, Pa., Thursday, of the dread disease. Recently Harry Long died in New London. Both pitchers in their prime were considered fine twirlers. Long came to New London in 1901 and made good at once. After a few years he was signed by the New Haven club the first of last year and tried to stick it out. He was a sick man from the time he donned a White Wing uniform and he pitched for several weeks on his nerve, but about the middle of the season he became too weak to play and was released. He then went to New Britain but only played a few games before going West for his health. He tried to play ball with the Toledo team but collapsed and was removed to his home in Hanover, Pa., and took to his bed never to get up again. It was in the year of 1907 that New London depended mostly on the pitching of Harry Long to hold up their end of the game, and they were worked too hard, both contracting colds and finally the disease which caused their end.

CHARLIE FARRELL IS OUT FOR BLOOD

"Wild Charlie" Farrell of the Fall River polo team, who has been suspended indefinitely by the Fall River management, threatens to bring suit against the club if his suspension is not lifted. Charlie has taken legal advice and demands back pay. Farrell claims he can secure a position at once if the Fall River club will raise his suspension. He claims he has no contract with the club, but owing to an agreement among the managers a player is taken from another team unless the manager agrees to let the player go. He claims that the polo association is a body of men who are earning a livelihood. Farrell was considered one of the stars of the polo world, having a terrible wallop with the stick, and being deadly accurate in the ring. He was considered next to Jean as the leading center of the league.

MAN WHO LOST CHAMPIONSHIP GETS PAY RAISED

Toledo, Jan. 23.—Fred Merkle received his contract for 1909 yesterday from Manager John McGraw, of the Giants. The document gives Merkle a handsome increase in salary over that he received last season, and he signed it without hesitation and returned the contract to McGraw to-day.

In letting Merkle sign the contract McGraw complimented Merkle on his fine work last year and said that it warranted a raise in salary. McGraw said that he expected great things this year of Merkle and felt confident he would do all that was expected of him. Merkle is the man who lost the Giants' pennant by not running out a hit.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

To-morrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. E. Ballard, wife of the well known pharmacist, 85 Wood avenue, will witness the marriage of Mrs. Ballard's daughter, Miss Sarah E. Kinney, to George S. Norton of Pawling, N. Y. to George S. Norton of the same place. Both the bride and groom, who came to this city yesterday afternoon, obtained a marriage license at the town clerk's office, were previously married, Mr. Norton being a widower, and the bride a widow and both have grown families. Mr. Norton has reached nearly three score years is a retired lumber merchant of Pawling, being a man of considerable means, and a widower for a number of years. Mrs. Kinney has passed middle age and chose this city, the home of her only child as the place for the wedding. The marriage is the outcome of a school day romance. After the wedding the bride and groom will live in Pawling.

George W. Kirchway, L.L.D., dean of the law school of Columbia University will be entertained at dinner at the University Club at 6:30 this evening and at 8 o'clock he will speak in the assembly room at the club.

Mr. A. M. Cooper of The Howland Dry Goods Co., sailed to-day for a three months tour of Europe.

There was a very pleasant surprise party given to Miss Kathryn Begley last evening at the home of her mother, 811 Norman street. The hostess was the recipient of many beautiful presents. The gathering broke up at an early hour this morning wishing Miss Kathryn many happy birthdays.

Mr. Harry M. Findley, of Catherine street, a machinist, with the American & British Co. and Miss Jennie Mae Halmeck were married Wednesday evening, Jan. 20th, 1909, at St. Mary's rectory, by the Rev. Father Murphy.

RESULTS LAST NIGHT.
At New Bedford—New Bedford, 9; Worcester, 3.
At Pawtucket, R. I.—Pawtucket, 7; Brockton, 3.

GEORGE GOULD ANGRY.
(Special from United Press.)
New York, Jan. 23.—George J. Gould is very indignant. In fact he is quite sore over the published statement that his son Jay has accepted of a job as a probation officer for Magistrate Finn. "Rot!" "Rubbish!" "Humbug!" "Ridiculous!" are some of the words the railroad magnate used to deny the story. Finn's office was taken away from him by Commissioner Bingham because he had criticized the police. The magistrate was told that young Gould would like the job, despite the fact that there was no salary connected with it.

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AT \$12.50—Regular \$25.00 Black Street Coats, semi-fitted model, imported broadcloth lined with satin.

AT \$14.75—Regular \$28.50 Coats, semi-fitted, of imported broadcloth with satin or Peau-de-Cygne lining.

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AT \$5.00—Regular \$10.00 and \$12.50 Mixture and Kersey Coats ¾ or full length, both semi-fitted; plain tailored or trimmed styles; velvet or self collars, satin lined.

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AT \$2.50—Regular \$5.00 Cheviot and Mixture Coats, full length, double breasted, velvet or self collars.

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AT 1.30 P. M.

Sale takes place in our annex. We will sell at public auction on Monday, January 25, commencing at 1:30 P. M., a consignment of Machinery and Supplies of a like nature. In the list to be sold will be found:

Seven Adjustable Shaft Hangers,
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One lot Bolts and Nuts,
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Four dozen Steel Shovels,
One lot Armstrong Dies,
One lot Belt Lacing,
200 feet Counter,
700 pounds Tool Steel,
36 Furnace Pokers,
One lot 50 pounds Steel Rods,
Two barrels Tar.

And other goods of this description too numerous to itemize. These goods must be sold without reserve to the highest bidder. All persons interested in this line of goods will find a big assortment of bargains which they can buy at their own prices. Sale will be held in our Annex, between State and John Streets, rain or shine.

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The bride was attended by Miss Mamie Hoffman and the best man was Philip Rivers. After the ceremony a wedding repast was served at the home of the bride, 735 East Main street. The couple departed on an express train mid a shower of rice and confetti. Upon their return they will reside in Fairfield avenue. The couple have a host of friends. They will pass their honeymoon in Washington.

FINE AND DAYS FOR ASSAULTING OLD MAN LANGE

McCabe Accused of Obstructing Officer Discharged—No Crime to Refuse to Give Information to the Police.

Edward Davis was fined \$25 and costs and sentenced to 15 days in jail for assault upon Edward Lange at a saloon on Railroad avenue last night. Lange, is an inoffensive man many years Davis' senior. He kicked the old man on the chin while he was playing cards. Other witnesses in the saloon at the time fixed the crime on Davis. It is said that Davis had an unreasonable grudge against Lange. The wound inflicted by Davis extended from the lip downward and around his chin. George McCabe, the bartender of the saloon was brought along with Davis because he refused to give the police the information they desired. He was discharged by Judge Pullman who said that he had committed no offense. Davis appealed and his bond was fixed at \$150. Commissioner Kershaw was in the police station when Lange made his complaint. He took the injured man to the emergency where his wounds were dressed and then accompanied the officers in the patrol wagon when they made the arrests.

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